Statement-II

Funds provided during Ninth Five Year Plan Period

(Rs. in crores)

s. No.	Name of Scheme	Central Assistance Released			
		1997-98 2000-01	1998-99 (so far)	1999-	2000-01
"1.	Post Matric Scholarship for OBC students (Started in 1998-99)	—	4,65	4.97	1.16
2.	Pre-Matric Scholarship for OBC students (Started in 1998-99)	—	1.50	4.25	1.12
3.	Construction of hostels for OBC boys and girls (Started in 1998-99)	—	1.31	3.00	Nil
4.	Post Matric Scholarship SC and ST students	54.17	100.00	160.898	81.439 for
5.	Pre-matric Scholarship to the children of those engaged in unclean occupations	2.00	4.40	7.88	5.05
6.	Construction of Hostels for SC boys and girls	15.05	16.94	18.65	17.11
7.	Construction of Hostels for ST boys and girls	7.30	15.99	10.91	0.65

Termination of Grants to NGOs

1543. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether through an executive order Government have decided to reduce progressively and terminate grants to NGOs;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) whether it would ultimately jeopardize benefits and services presently

available to disabled persons and it would tantamount to the beginning of commercialization process of welfare;

(d) if so, the reasons for change; and

(e) what steps have been taken to safeguard and continue the working of NGOs for the welfare of disabled persons?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) and (b) Guidelines for assisting non-government organisations / voluntary organizations issued in June 2000, *inter alia,* include provisions for tapering off the financial assistance released to those organizations that have been drawing Grants in Aid from the Ministry for periods in excess of 5 years for the same project. These also provide that assistance from the Government shall be limited to a duration of 10 years in case of new projects. The ongoing projects that have been receiving assistance for the last 10 years and above will be given a phase out period of 5 years and in respect of those assisted for lesser period the phase out period shall be 10 years. Where the phase out period is 5 years grants will reduce by an amount of 20% every year.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) The guidelines provide, *inter alia*, that new projects in rural areas, projects from locally based organizations with involvement of community and projects of established voluntary organisations in green field areas will be favoured. This is expected to lead to horizontal spread of development alongside sectoral growth in spheres that have as yet received less attention. The coverage for the welfare of the disabled in respect of number of beneficiaries as well as geographical areas served is expected to increase as of result of this initiative.

Review Committee for Creamy layer in OBC

1544. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to refer to reply to Unstarred Question 1367 given in Rajya Sabha on 3rd August, 2000 regarding Constitution of Review Committee for creamy layer in O.B.C. and state:

(a) the names of the Ministries / Commissions with whom consultation is going on for the setting up of a Review Committee for creamy layer and since when alongwith the response received from them;